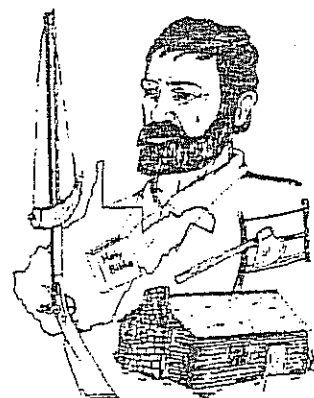


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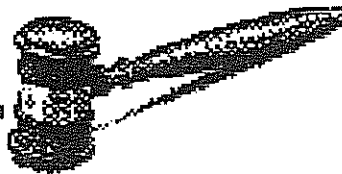
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From the Desk



of the Director

It is difficult to believe that 2007 has come and gone. As we begin 2008, I can scarcely believe I am beginning my fifth year as your Executive Director. It has been an enjoyable time and I hope that I have accomplished some good for the organization during that time. I have certainly learned a lot and have enjoyed working with all of you.

Our goal here at HCPD is really quite simple. We are here to preserve and protect the heritage of the central West Virginia area and beyond. We are also here to provide whatever information our members require in order to learn more about their ancestors and their roots in this part of the state. We hope that we are doing just that. If you have contacted us for information and feel that we have not provided what you need, we would like to know that. If you are pleased with the type of information we are providing, whether at the Library, through correspondence or on our website, we would like to know that as well. If you have ideas for services that are needed which we might be able to provide, please let us know your ideas.

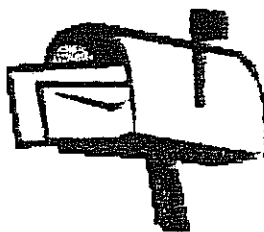
Now is the ideal time to be working on your research. I always say that January and February are my favorite months. The hustle and bustle of the holidays is over and it's too early to mow grass. It's a time to spend curled up with a favorite book, pursue those hobbies that have been gathering dust and maybe, knock down a few of those brick walls that have been haunting us in our research efforts. Several new resources are available in the John Sleeth Trading Post which may be of help to you. A new listing of books and materials for sale in our trading post accompanies this Journal. Please look it over and remember to keep it to order from all during 2008.

Whatever your goals are for 2008, we wish you good luck, peace and joy. If we may be of any assistance to you in your research or answer questions regarding your membership, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail at hcpd@hackerscreek.com or by phone at 304-269-7091.

Betty Ann

From

the **MAILBOX**



Editor's Note: I received this e-mail from Dave **ZUMBACH**. I'm using it with his permission. The footnotes are mine.

Dear Joy:

I will share the story I sent to a number of my relatives/genealogy friends about my adventures in WV, specifically the visit to the Life Farm Cemetery.

Enjoy the amusement on my behalf, if you can't laugh at yourself then you are nobody ☺

Also for what it is worth, I am a hanging at the hockey rink kind of guy, not a hanging at the country club, so it's not like I was there in some designer clothes, more like my hiking boots (that) I wear when running the snowblower (at least I had boots!) and jeans. Although the LA Dodgers hooded sweatshirt probably stood out a bit.

Anyway, I really appreciate your assistance, you did give me a fantastic moment in my research. I will send you a disk after I get back to Ohio later this week (I am in downtown DC at the moment - you should've seen the valet parkers at the hotel when I drove up with mud all over my little ol' Mazda!)

Regards
Dave

Dave's Story:

Greetings my family research friends. As you know I have been going to all extents to find information about my ancestors. On Saturday¹ I took it to a new level. Enjoy the story and open the photos when noted.

One of my lines is the Life family. Until recently I knew very little about this family, but have been fortunate enough to get quite a few generations back recently. Even more exciting was the news of the location of their burial place, on the 'Life Farm', off of Life's Run Road, in Lewis County, West Virginia.

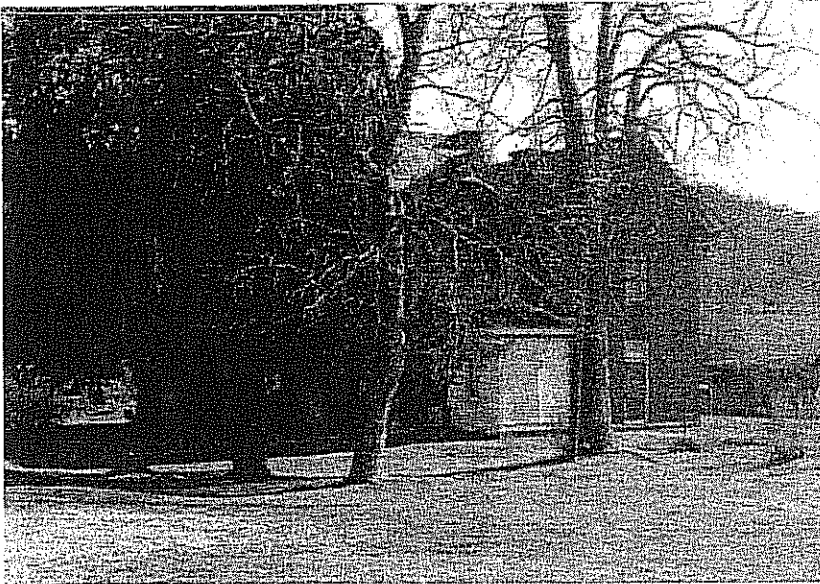
¹ December 1, 2007

Most of you know I am a city/suburban kid through and through, so wandering around all sorts of places in the back woods of West Virginia has been quite the adventure.

The location was found, and directions provided by a very nice person from the historical society for Hacker Valley, WV.² Her directions were: 'The easiest way to reach the farm, is to take exit 104 from I-79, turn west toward the truck stop and the Plantation Inn (a motel). You will be able to see both from the exit. Go past the Plantation Inn to the first road to the right. That is Life's Run. Turn on Life's Run. You will go down Life's Run to the first sort-of road that is also the drive to the house that goes under the interstate through a tunnel. Turn right on that road and you will come to the house.'

In addition guidance was given to call the current owner in advance so on Thursday I called the number and an elderly woman, clearly hard of hearing, answered the phone. I told her, as much as I could, that I wanted to visit her cemetery. She told me that was fine, that I could 'drive on up' but I would have to go through the fence first.

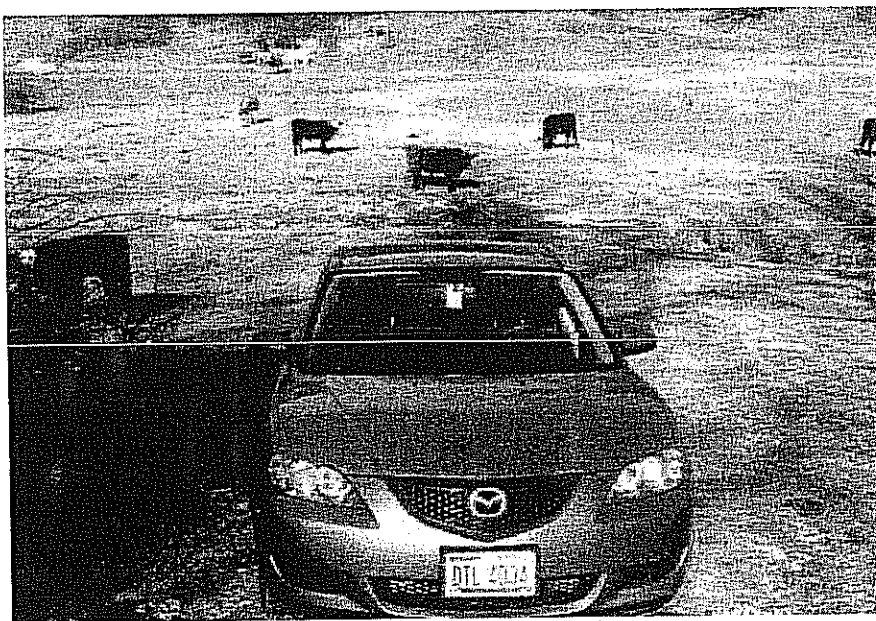
Easy enough... So I get off the exit, and find Life's Run Road, and drive on and sure enough there was the scene as described.



As I drive through the tunnel (how many people have their own private tunnel under a freeway!) past the house there is a small one wire fence across the driveway, and beyond that is a barn and a cow pasture, with a sort of driveway up the hill the other way. It is clearly one of those electric fences with a ceramic sort of handle and a hook to remove it. So I am sitting there deciding if I should knock on one of the multiple doors on the house or call. So I choose call. She answers again. Again hard of hearing. I am SCREAMING IN

² He meant Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants and Editor Joy was the person.

MY CELL PHONE, I AM HERE AND WANT TO VISIT YOUR CEMETERY. Sure, just drive on up. Only two problems there 1) Will I get blasted when I touch that thing and 2) Cows, there are about 20 cows in the field beyond the barn on the way up the hill to the cemetery. I decided I didn't come 300 miles to turn around now. I do one of the quick touch of the ceramic thingie on the fence, don't get shocked so I set it aside and drive in and reconnect it (don't want the cows to make a run for it). I drive across this cow pasture, across a 'bridge' of 2 drainage pipes with dirt piled over it (sort of) up to a hill that looks like a dirt bike hillclimb, decide to park it there and walk.



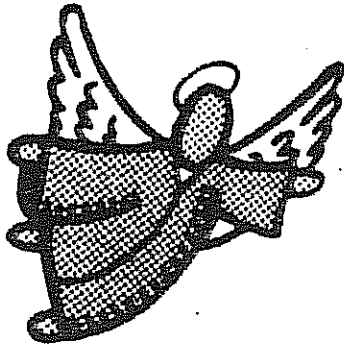
At this point a couple of cows show some interest but nothing much. Up the hill I go and there is a graveyard, along with this huge deer standing in the middle of it, which, as soon as she (he??)³ saw me bolts over the fence, past me and down towards the cows.

The cemetery was worth it though. Many Life ancestors from the 1800s and earlier (See photos on the next page). It was amazing to think these people settled in this very remote location almost 200 years ago, and I am a descendent.

Back down the hill I go, and as I get close to the bottom, the cows start mooing like crazy and running towards the other side of the ditch.

I decide that blasting my music really loud (a little Muddy Waters for the cows) will make them back off. Fortunately I have enough room to get through them, up to the fence, through the fence and safely beyond with the car intact before I call Kim with my bizarre story.

³ Since it didn't have horns, it must have been a she. He's have horns at this time of year.



A Search Angel Story!

Roads Traveled

by Joy Stalnaker

I just had to share this! I find so very little time to do my own research. Last night I needed a break and visited a site recommended by member Nan **ADAMS**, lostcousins.com. Thanks to that site I found another called findmypast.com.

I was searching for immigration information and documents from the British Isles for Robert **GILCHRIST**, great-grandfather of Charlie **GILCHRIST** and g.g. grandfather of my children. (For those of you who are new to HCPD, Charlie was my husband until he died of cancer in 1998 and a huge worker for HCPD. He served several years as our president!)

I followed paths put before me and ultimately ended up back on ancestry.com, which, by the way, was a gift to me from another of our members whose first name is Ann. Although I have looked for years for a ship's passenger list for Robert, but I hadn't looked since I joined Ancestry. Lo and behold, I found him.

On the 1910, just three years before he died, Robert said he arrived in America in 1864. I knew his birthdate (born June 1844 in Scotland). Thanks to all those roads I traveled, thanks to Nan and to Ann, I found him arriving on the *Ship Adelaide* out of Liverpool, England, arriving in New York on 9 September 1864. He was listed as a laborer and traveled in steerage. Oh my, that couldn't have been nice!

I have often wondered why he would come in 1864, right smack-dab in the middle of the American Civil War. Our nation wasn't a pretty place then. Men were dying left and right as brother fought brother.

A few years ago, at an Elderhostel at Jackson's Mill, another Civil War enthusiast said there probably was a very good reason. It seems that the Irish and the Scots were very much anti-English and England was helping the South in the war. So the Irish and Scots chose to work for the North.

Did Robert serve in the Union Army? I don't know. I have yet to determine if one of the Robert **GILCHRISTS** who served for the Union in a Pennsylvania or New York regiment was one of mine. I only know that by 1870 Robert was married to Agnes **MITCHEL(L)**, d/o John T. **MITCHEL(L)** AND Sarah **KIDD**, and living in Carroll Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Robert and Agnes ultimately had eight children: John, b. 1867; David, b. 1869; Cyrus, b. 1871; James, b. 1874; Robert, b. 1876; Agnes, b. 1879; Anna, b. 1880; and Mary Elizabeth, b. 1882. All births were in Carroll Township.

Cyrus, Charlie's grandfather, married Hannah **BEHANNA**, daughter of Charles and Martha (**HARVEY**) **BEHANNA**, in 1895. Their **GILCHRIST** children were: Anna B., Mary Elizabeth, Martha Eliza, Charles Robert, Howard Raymond, Agnes Jane, Sarah Luella, Lizzann, Samuel Vernon, Ernest, James, Lillian and Rosetta. Ernest, James and Lillian were triplets.

In case anyone is interested, Robert's parents, according to his death certificate, were James **GILCHRIST** and Elizabeth (**MAC?**)**ADAMS**. And that brings up another subject.

A Scots researcher I hired a number of years ago believes she found Elizabeth as Elizabeth **MACADAMS**. She told me that it was not uncommon for the **MAC** to be dropped when the name was Americanized. H-m-m-m!

Special thanks to Nan and Ann. Your angel wings led me down roads I might not have traveled now.

A 25th ANNIVERSARY REVIEW OF CLERISSA TATTERSON'S JOHN COLLINS of FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

by John J. HOOD

February 2007

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PART III: UPDATE ON GEORGE COLLINS

Even though we now lack proof that George **COLLINS** was a son of John **COLLINS** of Hampshire County, I am still willing to believe that he is a son, and that more research will bear this out.

The estimate for the year of his birth (using the 1810 through 1840 census records) is 1760 to 1765. When he applied for his Revolutionary War pension, the age he uses yields a birth year of either 1755 or 1756. Those who testified against him in his trial for fraud (1834/35) gave estimates of his age that would yield a range of birth years of 1774 to 1777. I believe that this last range of years is incorrect since he appears as a young man in early Harrison County records. The range of 1760 to 1765 seems to be the most reliable.

In his Revolutionary War pension application, he claimed to have served while living in New Jersey. Given what we *think* happened to the **COLLINS** family, it is not too far-fetched to believe that he spent some of his youth in New Jersey. By 1775, both his father and mother were deceased, and only his step-mother was living in Hampshire County. He may have felt more comfortable living with his brother in New Jersey than with his step-mother in Hampshire County.

In the past, I have been skeptical of George **COLLINS'** claim that he served in the Revolutionary War, but I have been having second thoughts. Although a number of people came to testify against George **COLLINS** (when William G. **SINGLETON** was examining his case), it has come to my attention that many of the people that Singleton called as witnesses were unreliable (see Appendix B). George claims to have served under a Colonel **MORGAN** or **MORAN** (no first name) and a Captain John **LEWIS**. I consulted William S. **STRYKER'S** Official Register of the Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War (Trenton, 1872) and found no man named Morgan or Moran serving as an officer in the New Jersey militia, and the only John **LEWIS**

in Stryker's book was a private in the New Jersey militia. The only George **COLLINS** listed in Stryker's book was a man in Monmouth County, and IF (and this is a big IF) George **COLLINS** really went to New Jersey, then I would have expected to see him in Somerset County (where his brother, John **COLLINS**, was a witness to the will of David **SUTTON**), or in Morris County where the **COZAD** family lived. This, however, should not be taken as proof that he did not serve as Stryker's work is not without error. The only thing that can be stated is that nothing has been found thus far that corroborates George's story.

His pension case may have (at one time) held many more clues as to his military service and his movements in life. In the file, there is a slip of paper in the pension file that reads, "The original papers in this case sent to W.G. **SINGLETON**, U.S. Dist Atty. Va. Aug 5[?] 1834. No copies taken for want of time." I was very hopeful that these papers could be located and that they would prove a treasure trove of clues. Sean **COLLINS**, a law enforcement officer from Alabama, has doggedly tracked down where the papers in this case may have been filed. The Federal Court that would have had jurisdiction over this case at that time was the Clarksburg Division of the District of Western Virginia. A researcher at the National Archives searched for the case, but reported that he could not find it. This researcher added that there was a fire at the Federal Courthouse in Clarksburg and that the papers were probably destroyed in that fire (other cases were lost or damaged in that fire). Thus, this (potential) treasure trove of information is lost to us forever.

The first record of George **COLLINS** is the Harrison County tax list of 1785 where he is found in the same area of is supposed brother, John Jr.. He is also found on the 1787 tax list. The first mention of him in the Harrison County Court Minutes is August 16, 1786.

When William G. **SINGLETON** was examining George's pension claim, one of those called to testify was Susannah Washburn **MITCHELL** (born about 1782), the wife of John **MITCHELL** (1763-1840). She claims that she went to school with George **COLLINS**. The Washburn family lived between Good Hope and West Milford in Harrison County (near Arnold **RICHARDS'** fort, also known as Col. William **LOWTHER'S** Fort or the West Fork Fort). There was an old school near Good Hope, and George **COLLINS** and Susannah **WASHBURN** may have attended school there. All of the records I have found for George **COLLINS** that have his "signature" show only an "X". If he learned to write at this school, then he may have lost his ability to write from not having enough opportunities to practice.

In 1791, George **COLLINS** married Mary **RICHARDS**, the daughter of George **RICHARDS**. The original marriage record shows that they were married by Rev. John Wade **LOOFBURROW** (1748-1814?), who is known to have been a Baptist minister who served residents of Harrison County in the latter part of the 18th century.

George **COLLINS'** second marriage proved to be a troublesome issue for modern researchers. Mrs. **TATTERSON** originally believed that George **COLLINS'** second wife was Abigail **SMITH** who was wed in 1798. In corresponding with Mrs. **TATTERSON**, I'd mentioned that the 1810 census record for George **COLLINS** didn't make it look like there was a female in the household that was old enough to have been married in 1798. The 1810 census record really looked like there was a second marriage that had occurred that year or just before. This "hunch" about a marriage occurring around 1809 or 1810 was verified for me courtesy of Dick and Pat **CALLIHAN** of Duncan Falls, Ohio. In Wes **COCHRAN'S** published transcription of the Harrison County, WV marriage bonds, they found a record of a marriage bond for a George **COLLINS** and a Polly **OWENS** (Cochran also added "**COLLINS?**" beside the name "**OWENS**", suggesting that he had a difficult time reading the last name of the bride). The date listed in **COCHRAN'S** book was "9 MAR 18__" (suggesting, once again, that it was difficult to read), but it was among a list of marriages occurring in 1809, hence it appeared as though this may be the woman in the George **COLLINS** households of 1810, 20, 30 and 40.

I wrote to Mrs. **TATTERSON** and mentioned that another marriage record had been found for a George **COLLINS** that appeared to have taken place in 1809. Neither of us were sure what to make of the findings at that time.

It wasn't until some years later when I was working on this issue with Bernie **CLARK** that we realized that the George **COLLINS** who married Abigail **SMITH** was the son of John & Hannah (**COZAD**) **COLLINS**, and that he (George) had moved to Warren County, Ohio. This George **COLLINS** died in 1824 and his brother, Jacob **COLLINS**, was named as the executor of the estate. This meant that the 1809 marriage record is for the older George **COLLINS**, the (supposed) brother of John **COLLINS** Jr..

Although the proper marriage record had been identified, the record itself poses some problems. First of all, the record lacks a complete date. The date in the record simply reads, "9 MAR 18__" and appears on a list of others that were made in the year 1809. In addition to being incomplete, the original bond is lost. Sometime after the original records were copied by the WPA during the Great Depression, they simply vanished. All that remains is the index of bonds.

The surviving index was used by Mr. Wes **COCHRAN** when he published his transcript of Harrison County marriage records. When Mr. **COCHRAN** looked at the record, he apparently had a difficult time making out the last name of the bride, as he had her listed as "Polly **OWENS** (**COLLINS?**)". Bonnie **COLLINS-ARMSTRONG** of (Fairmont, WV) and Joy **STALNAKER** (of Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants) have both recently examined the index (independently of each other) and both agree that the name is **CLINE** (not **OWENS** or **COLLINS**). So, the name of George

COLLINS' second wife is Polly **CLINE** (and I am very grateful to Bonnie and Joy for having checked this out for me). "Polly" must have been her nickname as she is also identified as "Mary" in other records.

In spite of the problem with the date, the census records for the George **COLLINS** family from 1810 to 1830 make it appear like there were two sets of children with a second marriage occurring around 1810 or just before. With a 1809 marriage for George **COLLINS**, all the pieces of the puzzle seem to fit.

George **COLLINS** spent his early years on the West Fork River. He may have relocated to the Collins Settlement in southern Lewis County, but this has yet to be determined. Later, George appears to have moved to central Gilmer County on Ellis' Run of Leading Creek. He may have established some kind of settlement there about 1816 or earlier since the Land Office Treasury Warrant (#5605) was issued February 22, 1816 for a 100-acre tract on Ellis Run. The survey of this tract was completed on October 2, 1827, and the title was granted on June 24, 1828.

Mrs. **TATTERSON** believed that George **COLLINS** had died by September 4, 1833. She came to this conclusion after examining a photocopy of the jacket that covered George **COLLINS'** pension file, which made it appear as though the payments had stopped on this date. However, my research into George **COLLINS** found where he had signed deeds in 1835 and 1838 (recorded in Lewis County) and he seemed to be clearly listed as the head of a household in the 1840 census (and the family seemed to track back to the 1830 census). Mrs. **TATTERSON** was not easily persuaded to change her thinking on the death date as she was about the "other" marriage. She thought that the dates on the deeds might be misleading since they are can be recorded years later, so (in her estimation) that was not proof. She wasn't sure what to make of the 1840 census record other than to say that census enumerators often left much to be desired when it came to the quality of their work.

In spite of the fact that she was uncertain about the significance of the 1840 census record, Mrs. **TATTERSON** did some more research on George **COLLINS**. She wrote to me and said that she had found where his pension payments were discontinued effective March of 1835. She stated that if he was not deceased by March of 1835, then she was didn't know why the payments would have been stopped. I didn't have a good answer for her at that time, but I now have a good idea of why his pension payments were stopped: William G. **SINGLETON** was successful in prosecuting his case against George **COLLINS**.

What is the significance of the date September 4, 1833? Answer: it is an accounting period. Pension payments were made semi-annually on March 4 and September 4 of each year. I have seen other pension jackets for other veterans whose known dates of death were in 1834 and 1845, and both

of their jackets have this same date (September 4, 1833) as well. It appears that a good many pension certificates were issued in the summer of 1833 and Congress has stipulated that the first payment would include payments in arrears from March 4, 1831. Therefore, when the first payments were made, one line included the amount in arrears to the pensioner (from March 4, 1831 to March 4, 1833) as well as payment for the current period (summer 1833) which ended on September 4, 1833.

Although Mrs. **TATTERSON** took issue with the dates on the deeds (viz., 1835 and 1838), it makes sense when all the pieces of the puzzle are put together. Here's how I see it happening. **SINGLETON** is successful in prosecuting his case against George **COLLINS** in the fall of 1834. Hence, payments are to stop effective with the next accounting period (March 4, 1835). Not only do the current payments stop, but George must now re-pay the government (since he has been found guilty of fraud). Not having the cash on hand, George obtains a loan and uses his land on Ellis Run as collateral. This is why in the Lewis County deeds, I have found where on April 24, 1835, George and Manley **COLLINS** become indebted to Weeden **HUFFMAN** (or **HOFFMAN**), and Thomas **BLAND** was made trustee of the land on which George **COLLINS** was living. He may have struggled to re-pay the money, and in an attempt to save the family farm, George sold the 100-acre tract to his son Manley on January 1, 1838, even though he still owed \$67.00 on it, thus not having clear title to the land. Manley **COLLINS** then sold the tract to satisfy the debt on September 11, 1839.

There is one more reason (although it is not watertight) to believe that George **COLLINS** lived beyond 1833 and 1835. In Hardesty's History of Ritchie County, it mentions that a George **COLLINS** moved into the Union District of Ritchie County in 1838. This matches the year that George sold his land to Manley, and it may mean that he moved from the Leading Creek area to Slab Creek in Ritchie County where Manley and George's widow, Mary/Polly, are found living in the 1850 census. The one reason we must be careful identifying this George **COLLINS** as our George **COLLINS** is that there was a different George **COLLINS** known as the Reverend George **COLLINS** who also was an early settler in the Union District but in a different locale than Slab Creek.

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From Rumbach to West Virginia

~The WINEMILLER Story ~

By Joy Gilchrist-Stalnaker

Continued from Vol. XXV Iss. 4

In the last issue, the story concluded with a biography of 1.3.1.4. **Johannes (John) WEINMILLER**, b. in Palitinate, Germany. He married **Kristina REBER**, d. ca 1768 in York Co, PA. Johannes died ??-Aug-1784 in Fredericktown, MD. Johannes and Christina were the parents of:

1.3.1.4.1. **John WINEMILLER**, b. 9-Nov-1742 in York Co, PA. His baptism was sponsored by John **HECKENDORM** and wife.

1.3.1.4.2. **Christopher (Stophel) WINEMILLER**. He married Elizabeth _____. Christopher died 1813.

1.3.1.4.3. **Johannes "Henry" WINEMILLER**, b. 24-Nov-1746 in Pennsylvania. He married **Catherina Magdalena** _____, b. in Maryland, d. July 1793 in Frederick Co, MD, buried: 30 Jul 1793 in Frederick Co, MD. Johannes died 26-Dec-1808 in Frederick, MD, buried: in German Reformed Church Grave Yard. In the German records, Henry is called "Heinrich **WEINMILLER**." It is from the Henry that the West Virginia **WINEMILLER'S** descend. Their story continues below.

1.3.1.4.4. **Dorothea WINEMILLER**, b. in Pennsylvania. She married **Christopher (Heibele) HIVELY**, b. 30-May-1753 in York Co, PA, (son of Jacob (Heibele) **HIVELY** and Sophia _____) d. 1798 in York Co, PA.

1.3.1.4.5. **Frantz (Francis) John WEINMILLER**, b. 05- PA, buried: in Saddlers Luth. Ch. Cemetery, York Co, PA.

1.3.1.4.6. **Magdalena WEINMILLER (Weymuller)**. She married **Abraham RABER**.

1.3.1.5. **Catherina Margauretha WEINMULLER**, b. 1717.

1.3.2. **Johanna Elisabeth WEINMUELLER**, b. 4-Apr-1700. She married **Johann Nicolaus STOEHR**, married 28-Nov-1724, b. 6-Dec-1693 in Rumbach, Germany, (son of Hans **STOEHR** and Catherine Margaret **DITHMAR**) d. 20-Sep-1749 in Langensoultzbach, Alsace. Johanna died 16-May-1753.

Johannes "Henry" WINEMILLER & Catherina Magdalena Progenitors of the W. Va. WINEMILLERS

This Henry appears in the first census of 1790 in Frederick County, Maryland. He had two males over 16, three males under 16, 3 females and 1 slave.

At the request of Henry **WINEMILLER** the following deed was recorded 3rd May 1796 to wit:

This Indenture made the twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six Between Peter **GEBHART** of Allegany County and State of Maryland of the first part and Henry **WINEMILLER** of Frederick Town, Frederick County and State aforesaid of the other part

Whereas Henry **GEBHART** by deed bearing date the twenty fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two did convey and make over unto the said Peter **GEBHART** his Heirs and assigns forever one _____ or half of that Lot or portion of Ground lying and being in Fredericktown aforesaid known and distinguished by Number One hundred and two reference being had to same deed recorded in one of the land record Books of Frederick County will more fully and at large appear. Now this Indenture witnesseth that the said Peter **GEBHART** for and in consideration of the sume of seventy five pounds current money to him in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged Hath given granted bargained and sold and by these preseants doth give grant bargain and sale alien transfer and make over unto him the said Henry **WINEMILLER**, his Heirs and assigns forever one half of the above recited _____ it being one fourth of the aforesaid Lot Number one hundred and two Beginning for the part hereby conveyed at the Northwest corner of said Lot and running East within the Street to the center or middle of said Lot Number one hundred and two then running Southwardly till it intersect Joseph Doles part of said Lot, then running westward with said Doles part till it intereseects the alley then with said Alley northwardly to the Beginning, the same to include and contain one fourth part of said Lot. Number one hundred and two aforesaid together with all and singular the Buildings improvements advantage and appurtanances whatsoever on the same part being or thereunto in any wise appertaining

Note: Deed was witnessed by Jacob **YOUNG** and George **MURDOCK**, two justices of the peace.

Frederick County, Land Record WR 16/321

"At the request of Henry **WINEMILLER** the following Deed was Recorded the 2nd

day of March 1799 towit: This Indenture made the twentieth day of March in the year seventeen hundred and ninety eight Between Nicholas **TICE** of Frederick Town in Frederick County of the one part and Henry **WINEMILLER** of the same place of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Nicholas Tice for

and in consideration of the sum of five shillings current money to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged Hatch granted and released and to these presents Doth grand and release unto the said Henry **WINEMILLER** and his heirs the ground rent on such part of the Lott of Ground in Frederick Town

aforesaid Number forty whereof the said Henry **WINEMILLER** is seized in fee and

possessed To have and to hold the same granted premises to the said Henry Winemiller his heirs and assigns and to his and their only proper use and _____ in as full and ample a manner on the same is held by the said Nicholas Tice under a conveyance from the Honorable the Chancellor of Maryland.

In Witness whereof the said Nicholas **TICE** hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year first aforesaid.

Wm. Luckell Samuel **THOMAS** which was thus endorsed to wit Frederick County towit Be it remembered that on the twentieth day of March in the year Seventeen Hundred and ninety eight Before us two Justices of the peace of the said County personally appeared Nicholas **TICE** party to the above instrument of writing and did acknowledge the same to be his act and Deed and the granted rent therein mentioned to be the right Title and Estate of the therein named Henry **WINEMILLER** his Heirs and assigns forever.

NOTE: Nicholas **TICE** had witness John **WINEMILLER'S** will in 1784.

In 1798, Henry purchased Lot 40, at the corner of Bentz Street and Fourth Street in Frederick from Nicholas **TICE**. The "lot" is not a lot as we know it today, but rather it was a whole city block. When I photographed the site in 1993, I did not realize how big the lot was and only took a picture of the corner.

I have been unable to ascertain if Henry was a member of the German Reformed Church which was nearby, but I do know that he was buried in its graveyard on Bentz Street which was less than a block and a half away from his home. **See map for references.** In the same graveyard is "Barbara **FRITCHIE**", immortalized in _____. The tombstones in this cemetery have since been buried; some say that those interred were moved to Mt. Olivet, a large cemetery in Frederick Town. I don't know if the graves were moved or not, but the cemetery is now known as Memorial Park and has several large monuments in it.

1800 Maryland Census, Henry is living in Frederick County. In his household are 2 males 16-26 years of age; 1 male over 45 (himself); 1 female under 10; 1 female 10-16; 1 female over 45; and 3 slaves.

29 Oct 2001: According to the late Jerrald **WINEMILLER**, there is an advertisement in the Fredericktown newspaper in 1809 advertising for the return of a slave Isaac **DORSEY**. ____ year old Dorsey, twenty-year-old Mary, and fifteen-year-old David were inventoried as part of Henry's estate in 1809.

York County Deed Book 2G page 107

To George Lewis **LEFLER** of the Borough of York in the County of York and State of Pennsylvania Conveyance.¹ Henry **WINEMILLER** of Frederick Town in the county of Frederick and State of Maryland, Tinplate worker send greetings whereas Jacob **HENRY** of Codorus Township in the County of York and State of Pennsylvania Yeoman in and by a certain Indenture of mortgage bearing the eighteenth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five Recorded in the office for Recording of deeds in and for the County of York in Book G page 9 did grant bargain sell release and confirm unto the said Henry **WINEMILLER** two described Tract of Land, Situated in Shrewsbury and Codorus Township in the County of York.

Aforesaid one of which Tract contains one hundred and eighty nine acres and sixty perched & Allowance of land and the other called Gooseberry Hill contains sixty nine acres and three quarters and Allowance of land. Together with the appurtenance thereunto belonging to hold to the said Henry **WINEMILLER** his heirs and assigns forever in which Indenture is contained a proviso that the same should become void on payment of sixteen obligations for the sum of nine hundred and sixty five pounds and fourteen shillings conditioned for the payment of four hundred and eighty two pounds and seventeen Shillings of the real gold and silver lawful money of Pennsylvania and whereas the said Jacob Henry hath paid unto me the said Henry **WINEMILLER** the said several Sums of money of four hundred and eighty two pounds and seventeen shillings and all the interest thereon due in full satisfaction and discharged of the said recited Indenture now therefore I do hereby nominate and appoint you the said George Lewis **LEFLER** to be my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name to acknowledge and enter Satisfaction in the margin of the record of the said mortgage before the Recorded of Deeds for the County of York or his Deputy and to acquit release and discharge the premises by the said recited Indenture granted and every part thereof of and from the payment of the mortgage monies and interest aforesaid and for you so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant in witness whereof have hereunto let my Hand and Seal this twenty

eight day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Heinrich **WINEMILLER**

Christ **STOPHR**

John **DOLL** Jr

In a deed recorded in Deed Book WR-24/683-683 on 23 Aug 1803 but written on 20 August 1803 between Henry **WINEMILLER** of Frederick Town and John **MCDONALD** of the same town, the quarter of the Lot 102 which Henry purchased from Peter **GEBHART** in 1796 was sold to John **MCDONALD** for the sum of one hundred pounds current money.

1.3.1.4.3.1. **Henrich WINEMILLER**, b. 11 Jul 1777 in Frederick Co, MD. Witnesses for Henrich's baptism were Johannes **SCHENCKMEYER** and wf. I believe that Henrich died because they later named another child by the same name.

1.3.1.4.3.2. **John Henrich WINEMILLER**, b. 7 Jun 1779 in Frederick Co, MD. This child is listed in his father's household in 1800 in Frederick County, MD

1.3.1.4.3.3. **Henry WINEMILLER**, b. 16 Apr 1782 in Frederick Co, MD. He married (1) Eleanor "Nelly" **NORRIS**, married 1 Mar 1806 in Montgomery Co, MD, b. CA 1794 in MD, d. 31-Jul-1860 in Upshur Co, (W)V. He married (2) Martha Permelia **FURY**, married 5-Mar-1861 in Upshur Co, (W)V, b. CA 1826 in Bath Co, VA, (daughter of John **FURY** and Permelia _____).

It is through this Henry **WINEMILLER** that the West Virginia **WINEMILLERS** descend.

I Remember

Written by Ona Samples **WHITE**, February, 1981. She would have been about 90 years of age. She was born at Big Pigeon, Roane County, June 1890, and died October 12, 1991 in St. Albans, WV, at the age of 101.

*Editor's Note: This is the first of three writings by Ona Samples **WHITE** transcribed and preserved by her grandson, Thomas Weldon **WHITE**. Tom has been the keeper of family writings, musings and treasures for most of his adult life.*

*He has been a member of HCPD for a dozen or so years. For a time, he was doing some research on his own. It seemed that every time he got started, he came upon information that was incorrect and was proliferated in a number of published locations. His personal knowledge of the facts, as they appear in the **MCCAN(N)** genealogy as it appears at the end of this article, is based upon documentation he had in family Bibles, particularly those of the **MCCAN(N)** and **SAMPLES** families as well as information shared with him by his grandmother, Ona Samples **WHITE**.*

*He now submits these writings as well as his substantial proof of a certain branches of the **MCCAN(N)** family, particularly that of Robert Owens **SAMPLES** and his two wives, Margaret Jane **ASHLEY** and Martha Ellen **MCCANN** for the enlightenment and enjoyment of our members as well as any family members who may, from time to time, stumble upon them in some library or archival holding.*



Weldon & Ona Samples White

I remember so many things that happened when I was young. The old home where I was raised was a 1-½ story farmhouse with one end of the living room, a huge fire place where dad kept a large fire which warmed the entire house. The logs used in the fire were all one could lift. The upper part of the house was one large room with about 4 or 5 beds in it. We had a large family. Dad was married twice. His first wife died leaving 4 children. The eldest, Stella, was 13 (maybe) when dad married mother. She (Stella) married Jake **SNYDER** when I was about 3 years old. They lived in Clendenin (Called the mouth of Sandy).

After her death, mother and dad raised her 3 children, Owen, Jack, and Erie.

Of course the ones were married off by that time, but we still had a large family. We all got along well together. No feuding or bickering, and all were nice to each other. They treated us all alike. Mother was a good woman to raise her step daughters children. We had a long home made table in the dining room and benches on each side, and chairs at the ends. Oil cloth covers for the table, unless there was company. Dad always asked a blessing and we had family prayer every night. Mother read scripture and one of them would pray. Mother also read to us evenings. Good books or magazine stories. We would play card games, eat popcorn, or anything anyone wanted to do. There was never a dull moment. Flinch, Arthur's, Fox & Geese, were some games we played. We attended school at a one-room school about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile away (it is a community church now), and also went to church there. The teacher usually boarded with us because we were the closest to the schoolhouse. We also kept the visiting preachers who came to hold the meetings once a month. In the meantime, we had a class leader, Mr. Harrah, who kept things going with Sunday school and class meeting.

We lived about a mile or less from my grandparents, the **MCCANS**, and I have many fond memories of the activities of my uncles, and our association together. Also, the cousins.

Dad was of Scots-Irish extraction, and had a very limited education. In fact, reading or writing was difficult for him. He was a cattleman and farmer. We had about 200 acres of land, and raised Hereford cattle for sale. I remember when the buyer would come once or twice a year to buy the cattle. There was a thoroughbred bull, and some Hereford cows besides the regular cows and calves. We raised our own feed for the cattle. Mother always kept hired help, as there was so much to do. Such a large family and always there was farm workers, especially in the busy season on a farm. One hired girl married my half brother Ed. Another, an old maid, stayed 7 years and practically raised me, as I was the baby at that time. At one time dad tried raising Black Angus cattle, but the bull was so mean and dangerous we got rid of the black cattle and went back to Herefords. That bull was mean too. We were deathly afraid of him if he broke out of the field.

My half brothers were married off and Estella's 2 boys were grown and enlisted in the first world war. Owen in engineering, and Jack was a gunner – and he was wounded at Chateau-Thierry or Argonne (He talked of both battles). We had a government message that he was reported missing. After two or three months, he turned up in a hospital in France. After several operations he came back, injured for life. He lived a few years, but never regained full control of his mind. Owen never had a scratch on him though.

On the farm, we had to get water from a well by the barrel. We lived quite a way from the store. There were a few groceries and small items sold at a small store at the post office. Grandmother **MCCAN** ran the Big Pigeon Post

Office for many years. When she left, Manty **HARRAH** ran it and put in a few goods.

We took 2 bushels of corn to the mill for meal, bought salt, flour etc. by the barrel. About this time my sister Lily married our schoolteacher Holly **SHAFER**. I was so torn up when we were separated, having been so close to each other all our lives. She was always looking out after my interest. I was sort of a Tomboy, and she was well behaved. She always went to bat for me if I was in trouble. Once we had a hired girl who liked her better than me and said I was a "spoiled brat". She gave Lily a pretty bonnet and me none. That did it!!! I watched my chance and sneaked under the kitchen table, and reached both hands out and held both of her feet to the floor. She shrieked like a wild Indian. Mother was going to get me, but ½ brother Harvey kept me with him until mother cooled off. I got by that one by staying with him. Everywhere he went I went too.

We used kerosene lamps for light until I was grown. Then we had gas from one of the gas wells that was drilled on the farm. When we were in school we had to cross a creek, and if the weather was bad, or the creek was flooded, dad or one of the older boys took both horses and got us there high and dry. We had one old big workhorse we called "Nig", and a saddle horse, which was mother's, called "Fanny". Fanny was a trotter. I liked to ride her, and when Brother Francis and I went places, I rode Fanny, and he rode Nig. We once had a buggy for a while, but most of our travel was by horseback, and we also walked most of the time. People walked in those days. The next generation won't have any legs, from not using them, I predict.

Before I was married, I dated a boy who had a matched team of horses and a buggy. We went around in style. When I first dated Weldon, we were both just kids, and Dad bought him from me for a dollar. I took the money, but dated him right on.

Farmers had to work and learn how to be self-sufficient. We had two apple orchards and one peach orchard, which provided our fruit. We had cider from our own mill, dried fruit in our own dry house, meat from our own hogs, and cattle and chickens. Dad cured the meat in a one-room log house with a dirt floor near our house. We had our own honey from the beehives and molasses from the cane. But we always hired the cane made into molasses, as we didn't own the necessary equipment. We made homemade soap for the laundry and bought soap for the house. We made it in a large iron kettle in the back yard. This was the same kettle in which we boiled the clothes.

When I was about 14, I went away to school, planning to teach when old enough. I attended summer normal school. Then the following summer I attended a teacher's training school and was almost 17, which was the age that was required to pass the state exam for teachers at that time. I just said I was 17, because I would be old enough by the time school would start. I took the exam and made a 3rd grade. I taught at Beechwood, Clay County that

winter, boned up and took the exam the following summer, and made the grade. That winter I taught at Mill Creek near Charleston, and the following summer in June I was married. I didn't teach any more until World War One. There was a teacher shortage and I was patriotic enough to teach 6th grade in Clendenin School. By that time I had two small children, and my time was taken up raising them to ever teach again.

In recalling past events in my long and happy life, I recall some lines from a poet:

"Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is stilled."

Descendants of Patrick McCan

Generation No. 1

1. **PATRICK MCCAN (LAURENCE)** was born Abt. 1767. He married **HANNAH JOHNSON** 26 Jul 1787 in Harrison Co., VA, daughter of **WILLIAM JOHNSON** and **RUTH?**

Children of **PATRICK MCCAN** and **HANNAH JOHNSON** are:

2. i. **RICHARD MCCAN**, b. 04 Jul 1796; d. 18 May 1890, Roane Co., WV.
- ii. **ISAAC MCCAN**.
- iii. **STRAWN MCCAN**⁴

Generation No. 2

2. **RICHARD MCCAN (PATRICK, LAURENCE)** was born 04 Jul 1796, and died 18 May 1890 in Roane Co., WV.⁵ He married (1) **MONICA ELEANOR GOFF** 10 May 1821 in Lewis Co., VA, daughter of **JAMES GOFF** and **ELIZABETH HOWELL**. She was born 1799, and died Sep 1856 in Meigs County OH. He married (2) **MARY PORTER MCCLAIN** 11 Apr 1859 in Meigs County, OH. Mary was previously married to **ABijah MCCLAIN**.

Children of **RICHARD MCCAN** and **MONICA GOFF** are:

3. i. **DR. PATRICK MCCAN**, b. 25 Dec 1822, Lewis County, VA; d. 07 Aug 1906, Edison, NE.
- ii. **HANNAH MCCAN**.

⁴ Could be **STRONG**

⁵ **Richard MCCAN** is buried on the old home place of Patrick **MCCAN**, Big Pigeon, Roane Co., WV. There was no marker in the mid 1980's. The area was grown up with weeds.

- iii. CALHOUN **MCCAN**, b. 1828¹; d. 1903¹.
- iv. ESTHER ANN **MCCAN**, b. 1832¹; d. 1919¹; m. Dr. **DIXON**, believed to be a dentist who lived in the Gallipolis, OH, area.
- v. MARY M. **MCCAN**, b. 1840¹; d. 1925¹; m. **BABLE**.



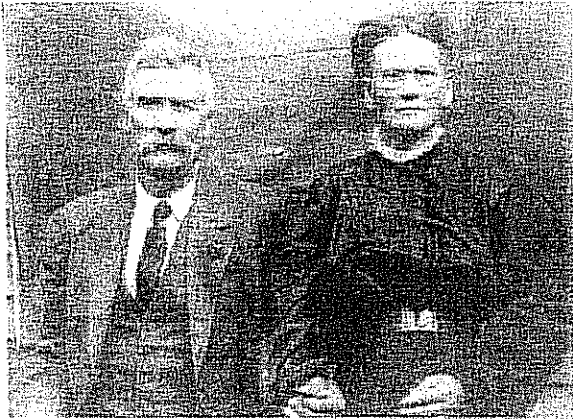
Generation No. 3

3. DR. PATRICK **MCCAN** (*RICHARD, PATRICK, LAURENCE*) (pictured at right) was born 25 Dec 1822 in Lewis County, VA², and died 07 Aug 1906 in Edison, NE³. He married ISABELLA ANN **GEARY** 22 May 1851 in Osbornes Mills⁴, daughter of MATHEW **GEARY** and ELIZABETH **ASHLEY**. She was born 25 Jul 1835 in Osbornes Mills, Kanawha Co.⁵, and died 23 Jan 1922⁶ in Sterling, KS.

Children of PATRICK **MCCAN** and ISABELLA **GEARY** are:

- i. MARY AMILIA⁵ **MCCANN**, b. 09 Aug 1852⁶; m. WILLIAM A. **SMITH**, 26 Apr 1874⁷.
- ii. RICHARD LOCKE BROOKS **MCCANN**, b. 23 Jan 1854⁸.
- 4. iii. MARTHA ELLEN **MCCANN**, b. 31 Jul 1858, Meigs County, OH; d. 20 Jun 1946, Clendenin, WV.
- iv. JESSIE DRUSILLA **MCCANN**, b. 07 Jul 1861⁸.
- v. AMBROSE EVERETT BURNSIDES **MCCANN**, b. 07 May 1863⁸.
- vi. SHERMAN GEARY **MCCANN**, b. 04 Aug 1866⁸.
- 5. vii. BERTIE HOWARD **MCCANN**, b. 30 Dec 1867.
- viii. PATRICK HENRY **MCCANN**, b. 10 Jul 1869⁸.
- ix. CARRICO FRANKLIN **MCCANN**, b. 25 Jan 1871⁸.
- x. SHELBY RYAN **MCCANN**, b. 28 Jun 1873⁸.
- xi. ADDIE BELLE **MCCANN**, b. 03 Jan 1875⁸.
- xii. CHARLES WESLEY **MCCANN**, b. 12 Mar 1876⁸.
- 6. xiii. BENJAMIN WEST **MCCAN**.

⁶ Military pension records shows death date 28 Jan 1822.



4. **MARTHA ELLEN MCCAN**
(**PATRICK MCCAN**,
RICHARD, **PATRICK**,
LAURENCE) was born 31 Jul
1858 in Meigs County, OH,
and died 20 Jun 1946 in
Clendenin, WV. She married
ROBERT OWEN SAMPLES
(pictured at left with Martha
Ellen) 19 May 1884 in Pigeon
WV⁹, son of **JOHN SAMPLES**
and **ROSANNA JARRETT**.
He was born 16 Jul 1850⁹,

and died 13 Jul 1923⁹. Robert was a widower and the father of four
children by Margaret Jane **ASHLEY**: Mary Estella "Stella"
SAMPLES, Squire Vincent **SAMPLES**, Lewis Edward **SAMPLES**,
and William Harvey **SAMPLES**. Mary Estella "Stella" married Jake
SNYDER in 1895 and was the mother of three children (Owen, Jack
and Erie **SNYDER**) when she died; Martha Ellen then raised Stella's
children as well as her four step-children and her own six.

Children of **MARTHA MCCANN** and **ROBERT SAMPLES** are:

- i. **CHARLES FRANCIS⁶ SAMPLES**, b. 17 Feb 1885⁹; d. 28 Jun 1924⁹. Charles
was killed in a chemical fire at Carbide. Lived shortly in
hospital. Badly burned.
- ii. **LILLY MARGARET SAMPLES**, b. 05 Dec 1887, Big Pigeon,
WV⁹; d. Clendenin; m. **HOLLY MILETIS SHAFER**,⁷ 13 Dec
1903⁹. Lily's husband, Holly, did not like to spell name with two
L's. Also liked Lily, like a flower. After that she always spelled
her name with one L.
- iii. **ONA ISABELLA SAMPLES**, b. 14 Jun 1890, Big Pigeon, WV⁹;
d. 12 Oct 1991, St. Albans, WV; m. **WELDON LEWIS WHITE**,
12 Jun 1910, Big Pigeon, WV⁹; b. 02 Sep 1888, Porter, WV; d.
31 Dec 1986, Charleston, WV.
- iv. **EVA ROSANNA SAMPLES**, b. 21 Jun 1897⁹; d. 04 Jul 1897⁹.

⁷ Originally spelled **SCHAEFFER**.

- v. RESSIE OWEN **SAMPLES**, b. 29 Dec 1900¹⁰; d. 27 Oct 1992¹¹; m. EMMA MACIL **JONES**, 11 Sep 1921; b. 24 Jul 1899¹¹; d. 26 May 1983, Richmond, IN¹¹.

5. BERTIE HOWARD **MCCANN** (*PATRICK MCCAN, RICHARD, PATRICK, LAURENCE*) was born 30 Dec 1867¹². He married CORA MABEL **HILL** in Arapahoe, NE.

Children of BERTIE **MCCANN** and CORA **HILL** are:

- i. LLOYD ELLIS⁶ **MCCANN**, b. 08 Jan 1907; m. RUTH FERN **ERICKSON**.
- ii. HOWARD HILL **MCCANN**, b. 07 Jun 1909; m. LOIS FERN **BRAWNER**.

6. BENJAMIN WEST **MCCAN** (*PATRICK, RICHARD, PATRICK, LAURENCE*) He married EVA CARMEN **MCCOY**.

Children of BENJAMIN **MCCAN** and EVA **MCCOY** are:

- i. DOROTHY⁶ **MCCANN**, b. 14 Oct 1922, Edison, NE³; m. WAYNE FRANK **MUES**, 10 Nov 1945, Phillipsburg, KS¹³; b. 26 Dec 1914¹³.
- ii. RUBY ROGENE **MCCANN**, b. 16 Jan 1928, Edison, NE⁴; m. JAMES MELVIN **HAYS**, 17 Mar 1945, Arapahoe, NE⁴; b. 18 Oct 1928¹⁴; d. 30 Sep 2000.

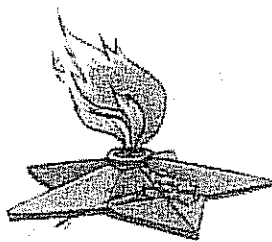
Endnotes

1. Roy **LOCKHART** 1982 letter
2. P **MCCAN** Bible
3. Isabella Ann **GEARY'S** notes
4. Isabella Ann **GEARY'S** notes P **MCCAN** Bible
5. P **MCCAN** Bible, John **ROBERTSON**, Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints
6. P **MCCAN** Bible
7. P **MCCAN** Bible
8. P **MCCAN** Bible
9. Robert Owen **SAMPLES** Family Bible
10. Ramona Samples **ROBISON**, Roane Co. CH birth records., Robert Owen **SAMPLES** Family Bible, Roane Co. CH records
11. Ramona **SAMPLES** Robison
12. P **MCCAN** Bible
13. Dorothy McCann **MUES**

14. Ruby McCann HAYS



Left to right, front row: Robert Owen **SAMPLES**, Ressie Owen **SAMPLES**, Ellen McCann **SAMPLES**; Row 2: Lily **SAMPLES**, Ona **SAMPLES**, Francis **SAMPLES**, "Squire" **SAMPLES**, Ed **SAMPLES**



In Memory of Anna Lucille Law

Anna Lucille **LAW** of Newkirk, OK, died September 16, 2007 at her home. She was born 20 February 1925 in Blackwell, OK. She graduated from Newkirk High School with the class of 1942. On 28 October 1942, Lucille and Edward Eugene (Gene) **LAW**, her high school sweetheart, were married in Newkirk. During the early years of their marriage, they traveled and lived in Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, the Carolinas, Pennsylvania and New York, going wherever his job with the pipeline took them.

After they got their family of five children raised they continued their travels in enjoying the RV lifestyle with many trips to West Virginia, where Gene did extensive research on his family history (Grandson of Winfield Scott **LAW** – Great Grandson of James Dixon **LAW**).

Lucille is survived by Gene, her husband of 65 years; her children, Rosetta and her husband Jim **ARRIOLA**, Keller, TX; Gloria & her husband Don **SIRATT**, Ft. Worth, TX; George Edward and his wife, Lynn **LAW**, Ponder, TX; Donna and her husband Bob **SEWELL**, Colleyville, TX; and Debi and her husband Dewey **MILLER**, Highland Village, TX; 21 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren & one great-great grandchild. She is also survived by one sister Pauline **GOULDEN**, Newkirk; and a brother, Ralph **SHUPE**, Arkansas City, KS. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Opal **MCGRAW**; five brothers, Arthur, Melvin, Albert, Orville, and Robert **SHUPE**; and her son-in-law, Eddie **ULRICH**.

Funeral services were held September 19, 2007, in the First Christian Church of Newkirk, OK, with burial in the Newkirk Cemetery.

Peter C. Musser

19th Century Lewis County Country Doctor

by Dwight L. Musser

Sometime before 1859 a small group of horse-drawn wagons departed from Somerset County in southwestern Pennsylvania. Hundreds of earlier settlers along with more hundreds of newer immigrants from Europe were on the move westward where vast tracts of land, now relatively safe from Indian menace, beckoned. This particular wagon train was, however, headed south.

Although most in this group had German surnames, they had mostly forgotten the tongue of their ancestors who had come to America only three generations ago. Peter Croner **MUSSER'S** family consisted of his wife, Sarah (**KIMMEL**), and four young children. Also in the group was his brother, Tobias **MUSSER**, Jr. and his young family.

Peter's sister, Mary, who had married Benjamin **BEEGHLEY**, may have also been in the caravan. Unfortunately we have no contemporary account of the journey. We only know some facts from records of births, deaths and marriage that they were in Somerset County, Pennsylvania and were later living on the upper reaches of the West Fork River in northwestern Virginia.

As the crow flies, it was only about 120 miles to their destination. We do not know their travel route but it was certainly much farther than that. They were west of the highest Allegheny Mountains but the terrain was nevertheless rugged. What could generously be called roads would have been little more than dirt paths. If they had gone west they would have reached the Monongahela River and might have followed it upstream (south) to where it originates when the West Fork River joins the Tygart Valley River (Fairmont today). By continuing southwest up the West Fork they would have reached their destination.

Although the Monongahela River had been used for transportation by explorers and pioneer settlers since early times, it is not certain that any wagon roads generally paralleled the river. The Musser party may have taken a more indirect overland route. In either case the terrain would have been challenging and heavily forested. There were probably places where they would literally be helping to make the road wide enough for wagons where only human feet and animal hooves had worn a trail. Any stream crossing would have been problematic as bridges were a rarity. They were by no means the first white settlers in Northwestern Virginia but the fact remains that dangers and difficulties were present.

Taking risks to seek opportunity for a better life was not new to the Musser clan. Peter's great-grandfather had fled political and religious turmoil in Europe's Rhine River valley and had crossed the Atlantic Ocean to make a fresh start in the New World. Hans **MOSER** (John **MUSSER**) was aboard the ship "Molly" that had sailed up the Delaware River to dock at the port of Philadelphia on September 30, 1727. Most of the

73 passengers were "Mennonite Palatine men." Palatine being a generic name for most German-speakers coming in large numbers from the Rhine River valley. Although the map of Europe was very different then, they were from what is today Germany and Switzerland. Some accounts say Hans **MOSER** was Swiss.

In 1734, Hans Moser was deeded a 318 acre tract of land that later comprised the southeastern quadrant of Lancaster City in Lancaster County, some 60 miles west of Philadelphia. At a time when log houses were the norm, Hans erected a sturdy stone house near the center of the property. The Musser stone house became a local landmark and stood until 1960. When Hans died in 1752, his property was divided among his sons. One son, John **MUSSER**, joined the constant westward migration by crossing the Allegheny Mountains in a proverbial covered wagon to settle in Somerset County. His son, Tobias, was the father of Peter Croner **MUSSER** who was born there in 1826.

The story of this particular family of Mussers is consistent with what was happening generally throughout Pennsylvania at the time. Earlier immigrants first took up land just west of Philadelphia. As their families grew and more immigrants were arriving the pressure for more land pushed the frontier steadily westward. As Pennsylvania "filled up" settlers also looked to the south where areas of Virginia had experienced much less population growth. Thus while the greatest movement of people was to the west, significant numbers were simultaneously moving south. Peter Musser was among those who chose to risk his families fortunes by going to the relatively remote lands along the upper West Fork River.

The goal of his journey was the area of what we know today as northern Lewis County and southern Harrison County in West Virginia. The gently rolling hills were drained by creeks and runs that empty into the West Fork River. Some modern place names in the general area are Lightburn, Broad Run, Jackson's Mill and Jane Lew. Weston was the nearest small town. Clarksburg was several miles more distant.

Peter C. **MUSSER** had come to the sparsely settled but growing rural community to practice medicine. Some accounts describe Dr. **MUSSER** as a "pioneer." He was not a pioneer in the sense of being one of the earliest inhabitants. That title would apply more accurately to folks like Edmund **WEST**, Sr. and Ann **HACKER**, wife of Edmund **WEST**, Jr., who were killed by Indians in 1787 at West's Fort (Jane Lew). Now, some 70 years later, Dr. Musser was a pioneer in the sense of establishing a school-trained medical practice to an area that had heretofore relied on folk remedies and superstition.

Dr. **MUSSER** was accepting a challenge nearly unimaginable today. He was on his own. There were no laboratories to do blood analysis, no x-ray equipment, no specialists, no hospitals and no pharmacies. Yet, he was expected to take every case that presented itself. He was expected to make house calls—day or night—in all kinds of weather. For many people he was the only available physician within miles. He was obliged to prepare and dispense his own medications. Much of what he did would be considered sub-standard practice today, but for some 40 years he was considered a valuable asset and a highly respected member of the community.

Dr. **MUSSER'S** home and small office building are still standing, albeit just barely, in what was once called Musserville. It was only a hamlet a mile or so down the river from Lightburn. At one time there was a one room school and a church there. In the early 1900's, a country store business was established but the small community could not sustain it.

In some ways, Dr. **MUSSER'S** home and office was a focal point of the community. In addition to ambulatory patients, there are stories of patients staying for more extended treatment. They would, of course, have to find room and board with the doctor.

The Lewis County census for 1880 shows a household consisting of Peter **MUSSER**, physician, his (second) wife Elizabeth (**BOND**) and three children from 16 to 22 years old. In addition there was an eight year old white female ("taken in" for some reason?), a 26 year old white male boarder-medical student and a 39 year old sister-in-law.

Dr. **MUSSER'S** involvement in the community extended beyond his medical practice. The 1880 census lists his two at home sons as farmers suggesting the family was involved in farming as was nearly everybody including other professional men like ministers, teachers, lawyers, etc.

Dr. **MUSSER** was a leader in establishing a Church of the Brethren (Dunkard) congregation at Musserville. A church building was constructed for worship services. The denomination, also called German Baptist, has a long history with many congregations throughout the United States. They grew out of the Reformation but were often at odds with state churches that compelled conformity. Their rites of foot-washing and baptism by immersion three times facing forward were viewed as somewhat amusing by other Protestant denominations.

The "Old Dunkard Church" at Musserville did not survive. The building was dismantled and the "wide poplar boards" were recycled throughout the community. The Mussers gravitated to the Broad Run Baptist Church located a few miles away. Upon his death in 1906, Dr. Musser was buried at the Broad Run Cemetery where members of his immediate family are interred along with many of his descendants.

It is of interest to note that two prominent Civil War generals came from the community of Dr. **MUSSER'S** activity. Did he know Thomas J. "Stonewall" **JACKSON** (Confederate) and Joseph A.J. **LIGHTBURN** (Union)? When **JACKSON** left the community to attend West Point Military Academy in 1842, he never again lived there. While Dr. **MUSSER** certainly knew members of the several **JACKSON** families, it is highly unlikely he ever met Stonewall Jackson.

Dr. Musser definitely knew Joseph **LIGHTBURN**. They were practically neighbors and had community, religious and professional contacts. When Dr. **MUSSER'S** son, James Quinter, married Rosa **BAILEY** in 1884, the former General **LIGHTBURN**, now a Baptist minister, performed the ceremony. When **LIGHTBURN** died in the spring of 1901, his friend and personal physician, Dr. P. C. **MUSSER** was at his bedside along with the family.

Unfortunately, Dr. **MUSSER** left no diary or personal papers that we know

of. We are fortunate, however, to have certain artifacts and several photographs. He apparently enjoyed having his picture made by the different emerging photographic processes.

Dr. **MUSSER** compounded and bottled a preparation which he called Cure Oil. We have some of the original printed labels and the formula. Reading the label today routinely evokes laughter although it was typical of similar products of its day. In my lifetime, Dr. **MUSSER'S** son, my grandfather, would periodically "brew up a batch" for family use. It smelled much of turpentine but we applied it to cuts and sores with satisfying results.

Dr. Musser's home place in Musserville, today considered North Lightburn, is presently owned by the **BEEGHLEY** family. Some years ago, Hobart **BEEGHLEY** chanced upon a cache of interesting old bottles that had lain undisturbed in a barn for over a hundred years. They were custom made large medicine bottles with lettering molded into the sides. They read: "P.C. **MUSSER'S/Alt Tonic.**" Apparently he did not complete this project and use the bottles. Mr. **BEEGHLEY** graciously distributed the bottles to **MUSSER** descendants and we treasure them highly. Alt is a German word meaning old. This was perhaps one of a very small number of German words he knew. His children only knew one or two.

When Peter C. **MUSSER** left his elderly parents in Pennsylvania to make his journey south, the break was substantial. Transportation being as primitive as it was, it is unlikely that any visitation ever took place. His children had some contact with their cousins in Somerset County, at least by mail, but these ceased with the next generation. His descendants were firmly rooted in West Virginia and they took their places in professional pursuits and as exemplary ordinary citizens.

It was said of country doctors that they were loved by all yet paid by few. This was true of Dr. P.C. **MUSSER**. He was unknown outside of one small rural community. His name will not be found in any general histories of West Virginia. His legacy resides in the service he rendered to his patients, which no doubt included the delivery of many babies. In spite of the limited state of medical knowledge in his time, he helped to make one community more civilized and enhanced the standard of living there. In a more personal way, his legacy extends to his progeny who continue to thrive and to contribute to society in West Virginia and far beyond.

The Civil War Come to (or Near) A Small Lewis County Community

by Dwight L. Musser

When Peter Croner **MUSSER** first crossed the Pennsylvania-Virginia border (1858?), the fact he was moving from a free state to a slave state was probably not much on his mind. But by 1860 he found himself in the midst of momentous events with unimaginable consequences, events which would effect his life profoundly.

John **BROWN'S** raid on the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Virginia, in October, 1859, sent shock waves through the southern slave-holding states. Their conviction that northern abolitionists intended to foment armed slave uprisings was graphically confirmed. Terrified slave owners placed knives and sharp objects under lock and key as they scrutinized their black ivory for any suspicious activity.

Abundant reasons to be fearful were well known. They knew that in 1791 a slave insurrection in Haiti resulted in the brutal slaughter of their French masters and the establishment of a black republic. In 1831, a slave named Nat **TURNER** had led blacks on a rampage resulting in the murder of nearly 60 Virginians, mostly women and children. Major uprising plots were foiled in Richmond and Charleston (SC) just in the nick of time. Numerous minor plots were investigated. Terrorism was a very real preoccupation throughout the South.

Lewis County, Virginia, counted 368 slaves among a population of about 8,888 whites in the 1860 census. No one person owned more than twelve slaves. The relationship between master and slave seems to have been paternalistic and quasi-familial. Nevertheless, after John **BROWN'S** raid 100 superannuated flintlock muskets were rushed to Captain Caleb **BOGGESS** of the county militia. This move was mostly window dressing calculated to reassure the public as the arms were virtually useless. Peter **MUSSER** could not have failed to be aware of these events.

Nor could Dr. **MUSSER** have avoided the tumultuous political maneuvering that followed Virginia's vote to secede from the Union on April 17, 1861. Although not a single vote had been cast for Lincoln in Lewis County in 1860, his election did not result in the violent anti-Union sentiment there that swept the deep south. Virginia delayed joining the Confederacy even after North Carolina fired on Fort Sumter (April 12). Lincoln's call for 75,000 volunteers to coerce the seceded states back into the Union turned the tide in Virginia where a convention in Richmond voted for secession on April 17.

Western Virginia, particularly the northwest section, had long-standing grievances against what they considered the planter aristocracy east of the mountains. While their pro-Union sentiments were real, they used Virginia's secession as an excuse to further their own agenda—to become a separate state. This was achieved by first declaring themselves to be the legitimate State of Virginia (since the Commonwealth had "withdrawn" from the Union) and then permitting West Virginia to break off as the

35th state. This was accomplished by a fairly complex process that involved a high degree of local participation.

Several Lewis County men were intimately involved in the rapid fire political maneuvering. **Dr. MUSSER** could not have avoided at least some knowledge of the excitement that swept the area. Within a span of about two years the people of Lewis County lived under three different state governments! From time to time some areas were also under the control of either Union or Confederate military commanders.

One of the first strategic objectives of the Union army was to occupy western Virginia to deny the South important resources, such as salt, and to protect the main east-west railroad that ran through the northern section. Thus Union forces, mostly men from Ohio and Pennsylvania were moved into the area resulting in the first land battles to be fought there: Philippi, June 3, 1861 and Scary Creek, July 17, 1861. A far more important battle, First Bull Run, occurred far to the east, near Washington, just a few days later.

Weston, county seat of Lewis County, a small town with a population of about 820, was considered to be of general strategic importance but specifically due to the juncture of two "pikes" that passed for roads in those days. The pike from Weston to Clarksburg passed within a few miles from Musserville and was a heavily traveled route for Union troops. No important battles took place in Lewis County but Weston was on the route of the two daring Confederate cavalry incursions that struck deep into nominally Union territory.

In August, 1862, Gen. Albert G. **JENKINS** led 550 cavalry troops on a wide sweep through central and northwestern (W) Virginia all the way into Ohio where the Confederate

flag was raised defiantly albeit briefly. Weston was one of several county seats occupied for a day or two. The 500 mile foray resulted in the destruction of property, confiscation of supplies and the capture of 300 prisoners. At Buckhannon an "immense" supply of food, clothing and ordnance was encountered including "5000 stands of arms." Jenkins was able to supply his poorly armed troops with much-coveted rifles. At Weston he "acquired" 75 horses which were duly paid for in worthless Confederate paper.

The greatest impact, however, was psychological. The war was not something happening far away. The residents of Musserville were certainly well aware of these activities.

About a year later (April/May, 1863), a similar cavalry sweep by Generals William E. **JONES** (2,100 men) and John D. **IMBODEN** (3,365 men) ravaged central and northern parts of what was at the very moment officially becoming the State of West Virginia.

The fast moving Confederate horsemen covered some of the same route taken by Jenkins again destroying large amounts of military stores. They were also successful in reaching the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks where they destroyed trains, equipment and many bridges. Notable on this incursion was the destruction of 150,000 barrels of petroleum at Burning Springs (now Wirt County). In his official report, General **IMBODEN** cited 700 prisoners taken and the collection of 1,000 cattle and 1,200 horses. Weston was occupied and Jane Lew and Clarksburg figured in the 700 mile raid. Much excitement and apprehension could not have been avoided by all residents of the

Lightburn-Broad Run-Musserville community. Unprecedented events were taking place virtually in their back yard.

Confederate raiders were instructed to not molest civilians in their homes due to the somewhat mistaken notion that many did not support the pro-Union leaders and might yet be induced to remain loyal to Virginia. Stonewall **JACKSON** pulled every political string available seeking permission to lead an army into his beloved home country and restore it to the mother state. He was convinced he could succeed where General Lee had failed disastrously in 1861.

Civilians in Lewis County did suffer random indignities from soldiers of both sides but they were united in their fear of bushwhackers. Bushwhackers were simply criminals taking advantage of the war to pillage and terrorize. At one time the sheriff of Lewis County resigned because shifting armies made it impossible for him to be certain which state he was supposed to be loyal to in remitting funds. Such breakdown in law enforcement left the field open for lawless elements. My grandparents, who were too young to remember anything about the war, remembered bushwhacker tales they heard from their elders who experienced the fear and uncertainty resulting from their despicable behavior.

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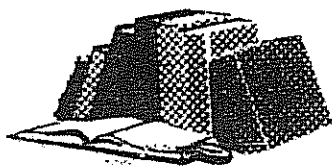
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QUERIES ??????

1. Several queries from Bette Butcher **TOPP**, 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218 toppline@comcast.net

a) Seraiah **STRATTON** b. 7 Jul 1740 Simsbury, Hartford, CT m. who first? His 2nd wife was said to be Hannah **AUGER**. Know nothing about her. Seraiah d. after 1793 in the Upper Tract of Pendleton Co., WV. His daughter was Eunice in the following query.

b) Eunice **STRATTON** b. 11 Nov 1771 Pendleton Co. m. Charles **FISHER** before 1789. Does anyone know the date or location? Charles d. about Jul 1829 in Lewis Co. and Eunice d. 17 Aug 1862. Does anyone connect to this family?

c) Joseph **SWOPE** was b. Augusta Co., VA 11 Aug 1751 and m. Katharine **SULLIVAN**, d/o Timothy **SULLIVAN**, on 3 Apr 1774. He d. 2 Mar 1819 and Katherine d. 12 Mar 1820 both in Wolf Creek, Monroe Co., WV.

Anyone know of this family?

d) I research the following surnames that are NOT in western Virginia - **ALEXANDER**(Pa), **ALSOP** (CT), **ARNOLD** (MA/RI), **BALDWIN**, **BOTSFORD**, **CAMP**, **CANFIELD**, **COLES** (MA/RI), **FOOTE**, **NORTHRUP**, **WRIGHT** (all CT), **EMIG**, **GESSELMAN**, **HOKE**, **KIDDOO**, **READY**, **SHERER**, **STEELE**, (all PA).

e) ALL German surnames are **BURKHARDT**, **HAAGI**, **HUNN**, **RENZ**, **SCHWAB**, **WOLFHARDT**, & **ZIMMERMAN**.

f. More All CT - **CASE**, **HARRIS**, **HICKS**, **GRISWOLD**, **MOORE**, **PHELPS**, and **SPENCER**, **STRATTON**, **WESTOVER**.

2. I am seeking information regarding Jonathan **HOLT** b 1800 in PA, lived in Lewis Co. after 1830, d.1879, buried in Weston. Specifically I was wondering why a son of his b. 1839 might have been raised by Levi and Nancy **RATLIFF** m. 1833. Nancy's maiden name was **BURKHAMMER**. Leslie **RATLIFF**, 8 Churchberry Ct., Reisterstown, MD 21136

3. Andrew Abraham **WIA NT/WYANT**, who was he really? Where did he come from? Was his name Abraham Andrew or just plain ole Abraham as he is listed most. He was born 1816 as was his wife, Sarah **HURST**. I can trace her back to England, but not a trace of him coming from anywhere.

And then we have Adam, son of Abraham b. in Lewis Co. 1854. Adam married Anna **DOTSON**, b.1860, and they became the parents of my grandmother, Delphia L. **WIA NT**, b. 1889. They had a son, Abram, b.1879,

shown in the 1880 Census, but not in the next census. Anna **DOTSON** died young, maybe around 1894 because she gave birth to Roxie Gay in 1893. Both girls were raised by relatives. I know Adam was called "Buck" and was a butcher and died in 1932 in Gilmer Co. Aunt Roxie lived in Sutton and was married to Hayden F. **ALLEN**, from Calhoun Co. My big question is "who were Anna **DOTSON** Parents?" Please help me with this brick wall. Jo **FORTNEY**, 1410 Lee Street East, Charleston, WV 25301 JUWANNAF@aol.com

4. Still looking for the BIBLE that belonged to the William **COLE** family of early Barbour County, WV. William **COLE**, b1742, married Elizabeth **HARDESTY**, b1748, in Baltimore County, MD in 1769. He moved to Barbour County, WV about 1812 from Fauquier County, VA. They are buried in the woods behind Adaland mansion on the Berryburg Road, not far from Corder's Crossing, in the **COLE-MODISSETT** cemetery. The BIBLE was last known to be in the hands of a Lander **CORDER** in Harrison County, WV. Family history contents of the BIBLE have been typed and can be found, but, I want to see it for myself. Lyle **CORDER**,

5. John **THARP** died Sept. 2, 1955 at Weston State Hospital. Neither the state nor county death records give the names of his parents. Does anyone know if this is the same John **THARP** who resided in Weston in 1945 and was the son of Silas Milton **THARP** (b. Nov. 9, 1858 in Ritchie Co. and d. Nov. 23, 1945 in Weston, Lewis Co.) and Almira **BRITTON**? Please contact Andrea Jackson **DIETZE** at adietze@cox.net if you have information or suggestions.

6. Seeking information on the parents of Phillip and Felix **BRITTON**. Phillip born 1800 and died 1856 in Harrison County. Felix born 1814 and died 1863 in Harrison County. Thank you in advance. Edna **BRITTON**, 206 Second Street, Terra Alta, WV 26764-1447 ebritton2@verizon.net

7. I am seeking information about James Villian **TURNER**. Can anyone site the source that identifies his middle name as Villian? I have also seen reference to him and some of his sons being stonemasons. Can anyone site the source for this information? Beverly **HORTON**, Fairfax Station, VA b2horton@earthlink.net

8. Need information on the **WATKINS** family. Where did they come from? My greatgrandmother was Florida **WATKINS** m. William **FESLER**.

Any information on parents of Zebedee/Zebulon **FISHER**

Still trying to find a connection to the **DRUMMOND** family in and around Clarksburg for my grandfather, Jasper Newton **DRUMMOND** b. May 27, 1888.

Alberta Sue Drummond **KEENE**, 1400 Cypress Pt Dr. Apt 108, Rock Hill, SC 29730

9. Looking for info on Charles **GRIMM** of Mason Co. WV

I have two, both of which are supposedly sons of Simon Peter **GRIMM**.

(1) Charles **GRIMM** son of Simon Peter **GRIMM** and his first wife Ingary **O'NAIL** born Sept 1892, was on the 1900 Census as age 7. (2) Charles **GRIMM** b. 1906 son of Simon Peter **GRIMM** and his second wife Nancy **JACOBS** (That is incorrect info). died 1970 Mason CO., WV married Loraine **EADS** 1907-1991 m. 28 June 1932 Mason Co., WV. 4 children: Jesse Wm. b. 1933, Charles Harmon b. 1938, Robert Jackson 1935, AND Delores Ernestine **GRIMM** b. 1943. Any help would be appreciated. Thank You. Jane **BOUCHER** valian@ptd.net. 406 Schoolhouse Rd. East Stroudsburg, PA. 18302.

10. I'm planning on going to Ireland this summer. I know that some of my ancestors came from Ireland and would love to find out the exact towns or counties from which they came. I'm limited in the amount of research I can do - microfiche makes me nauseous so can't do that at all. But if anyone has any info about Irish origins for the following, I would be very appreciative: **WALTON, CARR, POWERS** Thanks so much & best wishes, Nancy **BAUMAN**, 505 Booth Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516-9649, 919-933-7872, momofstorm@yahoo.com

11. Looking for ANY information on the following couple: Nancy **CARROLL** born 1 May 1803, probably in Ireland died about 1899 in Marion or Harrison County. William **WRIGHT** b. 26 March 1897 possibly in Pennsylvania d. 26 Feb 1876 in either Marion or Harrison County. They were married 11 October 1821. Their children were Ellender, Fielding, Nathan, William, Daniel, Catherine, Ida, Barbara and Jessie. With all these children, it would seem that one of their descendants would be out there with some information on their parents and grand parents.

Also looking for information on Thomas **ANDERSON** b. about 1800 in Maryland, d. 27 Aug 1884 in Wood Co.m. 18 June 1885 in Harrison Co to Elizabeth **DAVIS** b. 30 Sept 1799 in VA, d. 12 June 1879 in Harrison Co., WV. Their children, James Reed **ANDERSON**, Lloyd **ANDERSON** and Homer **ANDERSON**. Please contact me at dcfleming@cox.net or write to Charlotte **FLEMING**, 8521 E. Shiloh St., Tucson, AZ 85710

12. **FORINASH** brick wall: Looking for parents and death and/or burial record of Mary Jane "Mollie" **FORINASH**. Born Aug 1866 in Upshur Co, WV (based on census and marriage record). Married Floyd Lee **SMITH** 23 Feb 1891 Braxton Co, WV. Had a child "Clyde **CURRY**" b. Apr 1883. Had **SMITH** children (all

born Lewis Co, WV) Effie Lee (b. 9 Feb 1892), Lula M (b. 8 May 1893), Lena Blanche (b. 26 Apr 1896), Floyd Euel (b. 4 Oct 1898). Listed with husband and family in 1900 Collins Settlement Lewis Co Census. Died between June 1900 and November 1900. MAIN CLUE: Marriage bond in Braxton Co was signed by a J W **FORINASH**. Cannot find this person either. Please send any hints to Christina Smith **MELNARIK** cccniles@sbcglobal.net 37316 Third Street Fremont CA 94536 510-793-3708.

13. **MILLER** brick wall: Looking for parents and death information of Gracie **MILLER**. Born c. 1844 in possibly Upshur Co, (W)V (based on marriage record). Married John Light **SCOTT** 14 Jun 1865 in Upshur Co, WV. Had children Mary Ellen (b. c. 1866), Josephine (b. 1 Nov 1870 Upshur Co), Etty Florence (b. c. 1872 Randolph Co?). Died after 1910 in probably Upshur Co. Possibly appears in 1850 Census in Monongalia Co, VA with John A **FAST** household (his wife is the former Elizabeth **MILLER**). Possibly appears in 1860 census in Marion Co with **VANGILDER** family. Appears with husband John L **SCOTT** in 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 censuses in Upshur Co, WV. Please send any hints to Christina Smith **MELNARIK** cccniles@sbcglobal.net 37316 Third Street Fremont CA 94536 510-793-3708.

14. Continue to search for a living female who is a direct female line descendant from either of the purportedly two wives of Joseph **BENNETT** (1755-1810). According to a Bible source which should be published this year, his first wife was Eliza Jane **ALSBURY** and his second, Barbara Hannah **ELLSWORTH**. Since I am only concerned with the female lines, I will name the daughters from these marriages. Eliza Jane **ALSBURY BENNETT** had one daughter only: Mary Elizabeth **BENNETT** (1770-1833) who married William **PETERSON**. Barbara Hannah **ELLSWORTH BENNETT** had five daughters: Sarah **BENNETT** (1780-1850) m. Thomas **MCCARTNEY**; Phebe **BENNETT** (1787-1850+) m. (1) Valentine **CASSEL** and (2) Jacob **SPILLMAN**; Hannah **BENNETT** (1788-1867) m. Jonathan **HACKER**; Rebecca **BENNETT** (1796-1830) m. Isaac **COBERLY**; and Rachel **BENNETT**, about whom there is no further information. Joy **STALNAKER**, 213 Linger Run Road, Horner, WV 26372 joy1941@frontiernet.net

An example of information sought in this query is on the next page. Follow the trail of stars to see the direct female line.

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 Albert Jerome Seaward b. 26-Sep-1890 d. 21-Jan-1979 m. 7-Apr-1912
 ✱ Catherine Louise Seaward b. 19-Oct-1913 m. 20-Sep-1933
 Zebedee Fisher b. ??-Aug-1844 d. 12-Feb-1919 m. 13-Dec-1874
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 Daniel M. Barnett b. CA 1815 d. 1874-1880
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 Mary Vernon b. 16-Jun-1733 m. 28-Feb-1754
 ✱ Hannah Bennett b. 3-Apr-1788 d. 9-Apr-1867 m. 18-Aug-1806
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15. I would like to know from anyone who the parents are of William Lester **TENNEY**. William Lester (Willie) **TENNEY** 1875-1946) m Floy Mae **BENNETT** (1880 - 1971) on 9 Mar 1902/Randolph County. Their children and spouses: Dessie **TENNEY** (1904 -) m. Unknown **SIMS**; Versie **TENNEY** (1904 -) m. Elmer **HUPP** (1900 -); Blanch D. **TENNEY** (1906-1906); Robert Odbert **TENNEY** (1907-1926); Margarete **TENNEY** (1909 -) m. +Ruhl **FURMAN** (1903 -); Clete M **TENNEY** (1911 - 1993) m. (1) Kathryn Unknown (2) Leola Violet **WARD** (1912 -); Texanna Pearl **TENNEY** (1914 -) m. Hollis William **SHIPMAN** (1909 -); James W **TENNEY** (1916 - 1916) Both William and Floy are buried in Mt. Union Cem., Wash. Dist., Upshur Co., WV, very near three of their children. Thanks and Happy New Year. George **PAINTER**, Westminster, MD

16. Looking for information on the family of: John L. **MYERS** b: 1884 mar. Myrtle B. **FISHER** b:1905. Both born Weston, Lewis Co., WV. John's parents- Mason & Almire (**SHEPPARD**) **MYERS** Myrtle's parents- Jacob & Martha (**JARVIS**) **FISHER**. M. **MCDIFFITT**, 602 Farm Ct, Morehead City, N.C. 28557 or MMcdiffitt@aol.com

17. Is there anyone with the group who has information on the **QUARLES/QUALLS** or **NEWTON** families of Virginia. ALLEN **QUALLS** b. late 1700s-early 1800s, perhaps in Albemarle Co., VA, d. 1870, Putnam Co., WV.

The name was changed to **QUALLS** sometime after the move to now West Virginia. Allen married **DRUSCILLA NEWTON** in Cumberland Co., VA, 18 Aug 1828. She was the daughter of **CHARLES AND NANCY NEWTON**. There were 8 known children born to the family. Other than the marriage of Allen and Druscilla, I have found nothing on Allen prior to the time he was in Putnam Co. in the 1840s. Any information would be helpful. Lillian **DODD**, e-mail ldodd2@juno.com, 355 Rockaway Rd., Charleston, WV 25302. (304)344-4514.

18. I've put queries in the Journal previously about this brick wall, but perhaps a new member will have an answer. I've tried for more than 20 years to find the ancestry of one of my great great grandfathers. I know there are or were relatives in Gilmer Co. WV as late as 1940, but I have nothing other than a name, "Billy" **WILSON**. He may have been a nephew of my great grandmother, but not sure. My great grandmother was Eliza Ann **WILSON**, wife of Jerry **EDMAN**. She was the daughter of Samuel H. **WILSON** and Margaret **SIMS**. Samuel was born sometime between 1800 and 1810, in Virginia, Pennsylvania or Ireland, according to different census enumerations. I know about his children, his wife's family back to Culpepper Co., VA, and his land deals, but I can find nothing on his parents or his siblings. He was in Lewis Co. in 1830, 1840 and 1850, where he married and his children were born. He was in Ritchie Co. by 1860, in Gilmer Co. by 1870 and in Calhoun Co. by 1880, and there his trail ends. In. I've put queries in the Calhoun and Gilmer Co. genealogy newsletters but no response. When I was young, I remember a Leman, Olie and Mollie **WILSON** who lived near my grandad at Five Forks in Calhoun Co., but can't connect them to my **WILSON** family. I've corresponded with others on this List with Wilson lines, but we've never connected. Lillian **DODD**, ldodd2@juno.com, (304) 344-4514, 355 Rockaway Rd., Charleston, WV 25302

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